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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vahid Saadat
Application No.: 09/746,579 Confirmation No.: 1598
Filed: : December 20, 2000
For: : MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR RETAINING
TISSUE IN APPPOSITION AND METHODS OF USE
Examiner : Ismael Izaguirre
Group : 3765

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
c/o P. O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 28, thereby extending time to respond to and including July 28, 2002. Because July 28, 2002 falls on a Sunday, the time to respond is extended to and including Monday July 29, 2002, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. A check in an amount sufficient for a one month extension of time is included herewith.

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks responsive to the above-identified Office action.

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